Fatal attacks upon senior citizens in Delhi

1330. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fatal attacks upon senior citizens in Delhi have shown a disturbing increase recently; and

(b) if so, the steps Government is taking to ensure their safety and welfare?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) 17 fatal attacks on senior citizens took place during 2007 in comparison to 12 attacks in the year 2006. The steps taken by Delhi Police for security of senior citizens include establishment of helpline; identification of elderly people living alone, verification of antecedents of their employees, particularly domestic servants and drivers; periodic visits to the residence of elderly persons by the Beat Staff and Station House Officers; setting up of Sentior Citizen's Security Cell; contacting the senior citizens by the officers of the Senior Citizen Security Cell, both personally and on telephone to give them emotional support and to create a sense of security; briefing the senior citizens about security devices and security related issues; adoption of senior citizens by school children; and organizing security awareness camps for the benefits of senior citizens, starting community liaison programme to involve senior citizens in larger community matters, distribution of printed material on the steps to be taken for the safety of life and property of senior citizens, educating senior citizens regarding law related to their safety and welfare, etc.

Chief Ministers meeting to discuss internal security

1331. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Ministers meeting was called on December 20, 2007 to discuss the imminent threat facing the internal security of the country;

(b) whether the Chief Ministers also discussed the severe blasts in Uttar Pradesh and the terror strikes in Assam, Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Malegaon and other parts of the country;

(c) what were the main points dicussed in the meeting;

(d) what were the main suggestions made by the Chief Ministers; and

(e) whether any concrete plan of action has been prepared by Government to check the terror and improve the internal security in the counry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) A Meeting with Chief Ministers on Internal Security was held under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister on 20.12.2007 in Delhi. In the Meeting, the internal security scenario in the country, including the challenges posed by terrorism and extremism, was reviewed, and various security related issues and strategies to meet the challenges to internal security were identified and discussed. *Inter alia,* these include the need for strengthening the State Special Branches and arrangements for gathering ground level intelligence, and further streamlining the related arrangements for coordination between different agencies; the need for time-bound steps by the State Governments to fill up vacancies in the State Police and measures to improve the Police population ratio; specialised training